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Claim 1 had been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for determining the position of one or more items of interest in a selected category, comprising:

a database for storing information about the items of interest, the information including, for each of the items of interest, [a geographic position and] at least one associated category and spatial detail defining a geographic position; and

a plurality of ports for accessing the database through the Internet, each port having a user interface for accepting inputs by a user of the system and for indicating to the user the geographic position of [at least] one or more of the items of interest, the user inputs defining the category associated with items of interest.

Claim 13 has been amended as follows:


13. (Amended) A system of claim 12, wherein at least one of the [one] ports comprises a GPS receiver for defining a geographic position of the user.

Claim 14 has been amended as follows:

14. (Amended) A system for providing position information regarding one or more items of interest in a selected category, comprising:

a database for storing information about the items of interest, the information including, for each of the items of interest, [a geographic position and] at least one associated category and spatial detail defining a geographic position; and

a communications link for connecting the database to a plurality of [remote] ports remotely situated from the database, wherein a user at one of the ports can [access]identify the geographic position of one or more [selected] items of interest in a selected category via inputs at the ports.



Claim 18 has been amended as follows:

18. (Amended) A method of generating position information of items of interest to users of the Internet, comprising the steps of:

storing spatial detail defining position information for one or more of the items of interest within a database connected to the Internet, and

providing information representative of the position information to one of a plurality of remote ports connected to the database in response to user requests at the one remote port.

Claim 19 has been amended as follows:

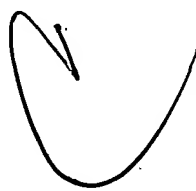
19. (Amended) A method of claim 18, wherein the step of providing comprises generating a map at the one remote port wherein the position information is displayed graphically to the user.

Claim 24 has been amended as follows:

24. (Amended) A method for determining the position of one or more items of interest in a selected category, comprising:

storing information about the items of interest in a database, the information including, for each of the items of interest, [a geographic position and] at least one associated category and spatial detail defining a geographic position; and

supplying information about at least one of the items of interest to one of a plurality of ports, connected to the database at least in part through the Internet, in response to inputs at the one port, wherein a user at the port may locate the one item of interest.



Claim 26 has been amended as follows:

26. (Amended) A method of claim 24, further comprising the step of hierarchically displaying geographical information at the one port in response to user inputs at the [one] port.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants interviewed this case with the Examiner on October 17, 2001, wherein it was determined that the present case is allowable over the prior art with amendments incorporating certain features. The above clarifying amendments incorporate these features, further clarify the invention, and attend to the remarks of the pending office action. With the above amendments, claims 1-33 are pending in the application. No new matter was introduced with these amendments.

No fees are deemed necessary with this response. If fees are due in connection with this response, the Examiner is authorized to charge deposit account 12-0600.

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